

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

FROM: **RAYMOND B. WINGERD**, Chief Probation Officer
 Probation Department

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF \$9,883,689 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF
CORRECTIONS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH JUVENILE AND ADULT LOCAL DETENTION
FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Grant Application to the Board of Corrections for \$9,883,689 in grant funds through the Juvenile and Adult Local Detention Facility Construction Grants for construction of West Valley Juvenile Hall.
2. Approve submission of Grant Application.
3. Adopt resolution as required in the Grant Application.
4. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the Grant Application on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In December 1990 the Board of Supervisors accepted the San Bernardino County Juvenile Justice System Needs Assessment and Master Plan presented by Rosser Fabrap Justice Systems, International. The plan identified the need to add juvenile detention bed space through out the County based on population growth and juvenile arrest rates.

In July 1996, the Board of Supervisors approved a County match of \$996,453 for grant funding received through the State of California Youth Facility Bond Act of 1988 (Proposition 86) and the grant provided \$2,612,725 toward the construction of the West Valley Juvenile Hall.

The West Valley Juvenile Hall opened August 3, 1998, with 22 juvenile offenders. The population is currently comprised solely of those minors who have been found to be unfit for Juvenile Court and are proceeding through the Adult Court system. Minors arrive at West Valley Juvenile Hall by transfer from the Central Juvenile Hall booking, intake and detention center which is 26 miles to the east. The West Valley facility does not have the capacity to book or intake juvenile offenders. Local law enforcement agencies drive by West Valley Juvenile Hall en route to the Central facility in San Bernardino. This transport of juvenile offenders by West Valley law enforcement agencies can range from 60 to 90 miles round trip. This significantly impairs law enforcement officers in providing patrol and investigation functions in their respective communities.

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Recognizing that the twenty-two bed facility was not adequate to meet the growth projections for the West Valley the Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of Certificates of Participation totaling \$9.2 million to be applied to adding an administration building and 60 more offender beds to the West Valley Juvenile Hall. The Department is proposing that the money raised through the Certificates Of Participation be combined with the funding request to the Board of Corrections, now before the Board of Supervisors, to build out the facility to 134 detention beds, add in-custody intake and booking and the additional support space necessary to meet the needs of a larger detained population at the site.

The Juvenile Needs Assessment completed by Rosser International on March 1, 1999, estimates that by the year 2000, 19% of the juveniles detained at Central Juvenile Hall in San Bernardino will be youth from the West Valley communities. Further, the study indicated that the County needs 828 juvenile detention beds by the year 2010, and recommends that 133 of those beds be at West Valley Juvenile Hall. The proposed build out would satisfy the projected need for juvenile delinquent detention bed space through 2010.

On November 12, 1998, the Board of Corrections issued a Request for Proposal to solicit written proposals from counties for the renovation and/or construction of local adult and juvenile facilities. Combining available state and federal funding, the Request for Proposal offers a total of \$177,437,630 for juvenile detention facilities statewide.

The Probation Department's grant submission requests funding to add 80 detention beds and support and ancillary space for the West Valley Juvenile Hall. The addition will enable the facility to provide the intake, booking and detention services required in the West Valley communities.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The Board item has been reviewed by Art Gomez, County Administrative Office, on March 9, 1999; Kevin Norris, County Counsel, on March 9, 1999; and Ken Taylor, Architecture, Building and Engineering, on March 9, 1999.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The total project cost is \$21,940,730. This includes \$9,883,689 in grant funds requested, the required County "Cash (hard) Match," of \$1,098,187 and \$1,758,854 "In-kind (soft) Match" and the \$9,200,000 in Certificates of Participation.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): Second District

PRESENTER: Raymond B. Wingerd, Chief Probation Officer